



**Letter Home to Families for  
*No Talking (2007)*  
by Andrew Clements**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thanks to a grant from the Cocalico Education Foundation, all three elementary schools in Cocalico School District are about to take part in a special, communitywide shared reading event called **One School, One Book**. Every family will receive a copy of the same book – *No Talking* by Andrew Clements – and will be asked to read it together at home over the next few weeks. We are personally asking you to make the time so that your family can participate in this special activity.

Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares your child to be an effective reader, and it is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With this program, we aim to build a Community of Readers across the district since all of the elementary schools are reading the same book at the same time.

Each family will receive a copy of *No Talking* on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Along with the book, you will receive a reading schedule so that you can keep up at home. Generally, you will be asked to read about 15 minutes each night.

In school, your child will be invited to answer daily trivia questions to encourage and reward attentive listening. You will soon find that your child will take pride in knowing and anticipating the details of the story. Students will have the opportunity to explore the book through activities and discussion. You will want to make sure your family keeps up so that your child can be included. Throughout the month, everyone will be talking about *No Talking*!

**One School, One Book** is a novel program in that children of all grade levels will all be listening to the same book. Strange or daring as that may seem, it actually makes sound educational sense. Reading professionals recommend reading material out loud that is beyond a child's own reading level. We also believe that you can and should continue reading chapter books with your older children, even when they are able to read by themselves. We have selected a title that can be followed and understood and enjoyed by younger students, but will still captivate and stimulate older children.

I know that you'll enjoy this special reading time with your children. "When a whole school reads a book, there's a lot to talk about." With your help, we can build a Community of Readers at our school. Happy Reading!

-Cocalico Implementation Team

*Every Family. Every School. Every Night.*®